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Right Honorable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Via Email: Media@pmo-cpm.gc.ca

Re: Invocation of Emergencies Act

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

This letter is written on behalf of the residents and Council of the County of Minburn, Alberta and is regarding the federal government's invocation of the *Emergencies Act*. We are deeply concerned with the low threshold used to declare an emergency in this instance and even more concerned that this was ratified by Parliament, at your behest, along partisan lines.

Our most significant concern with this action is the federal government's authority to arbitrarily freeze financial assets, including personal bank accounts, of Canadian citizens that were exercising their constitutionally protected rights to free expression.

We understand that we are in a difficult period and that governance is not comfortable; however, we all must undertake the privilege of elected office with a sense of respect and fairness. And to be frank, the continued state of emergency that your government perpetuates is causing harm to our country and to our democratic system.

We implore you to end this action immediately and work with all Canadians to move us out of this dark chapter in our country's history and toward a more natural place of respectful dialogue, empathy, and kindness.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Personal Info.

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c. Honorable Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada
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